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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY IN LOUISIANA.

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Royal Street	-	500 Block
Bourbon Street	-	500 Block
St. Louis Street	-	700 Block
Toulouse Street	-	700 Block

SOURCES OF DATA

Cabildo Records - Louisiana State Museum
Legal Documents and Plan Books - Civil District Courthouse, N.O.
Newspaper Files - City Archives, City Hall, New Orleans.
Directories - Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, Tulane University.
Index to Cemeteries - Louisiana State Museum Library

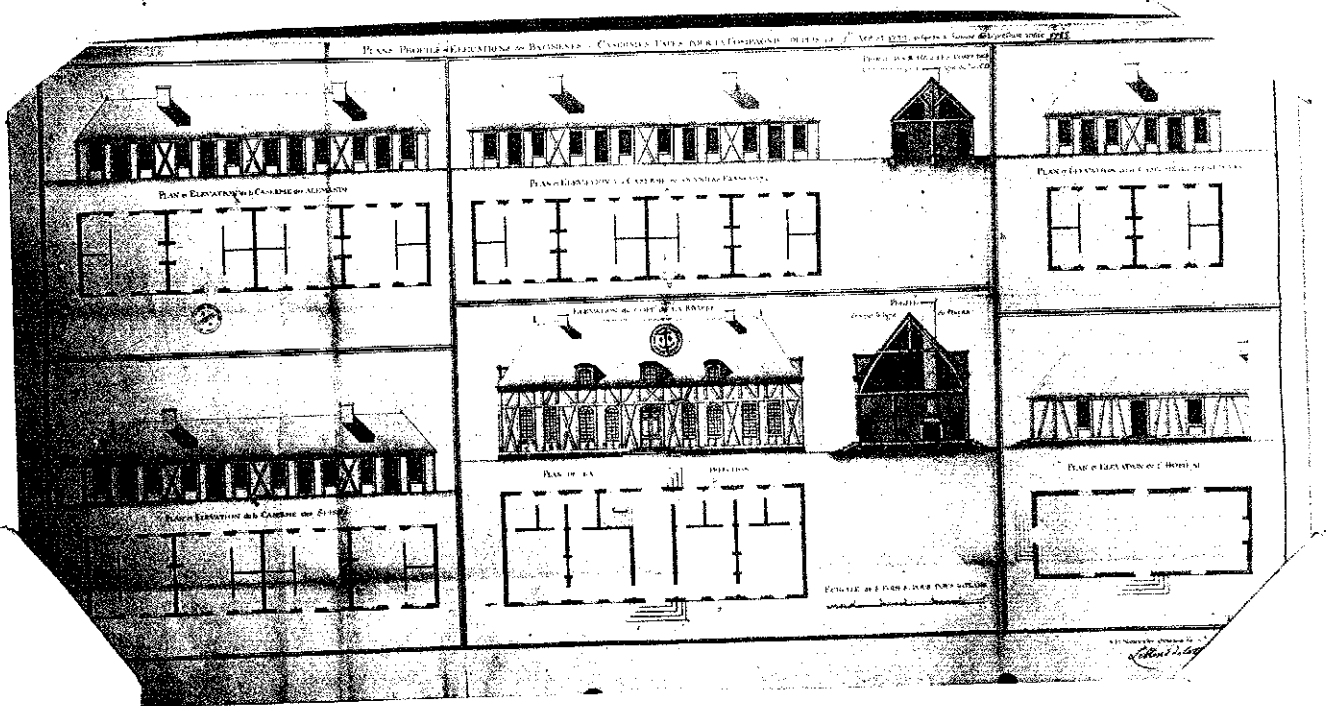
Colonial Archives in Paris.

Early French Period

When the city was laid out by de Pauger in 1722, the square bounded by Royal, Toulouse, Bourbon and St. Louis Streets was retained by the Company of the Indies. In this same year, the company here erected four barracks buildings, of stakes in the ground; three, 80 by 20 feet, were for the German, Swiss and French workmen respectively, and a fourth half as long but of similar design for the carpenters. These buildings are shown on a drawing signed by Le Blond de la tour, New Orleans, January 3, 1723 entitled "Plans, sections and elevations of buildings and barracks built for the Company since the 1st of August, 1722 until January 3 of the present year." The original of this drawing, a photograph of which is included here, is in the Archives of the Ministry of the Colonies in Paris, No. 67 in a carton of Louisiana documents.

According to a copy of a map of 1728 in the Cabildo, the lots facing Bourbon Street were sold or granted to private owners although maps of 1731 and 1732 show only the two at the corner of Bourbon and St. Louis Streets, privately owned and occupied by houses with rear gardens. The owners of these are given in 1728 as the Sieur St. Hilaire and la Rose. This map of "the land where are the forge and the barracks of the Company" shows only two buildings facing Royal Street, one at each corner, marked "forge of the Marine"; doubtless they were the same barracks of the workmen erected in 1722. There is also shown a "forge of the Company" in the center of the square. Broutin's map of 1732 calls this an "old and ruined forge" and the others as "old hut serving as barracks" with a "new hut serving as same" along Toulouse Street and a "new forge" on the St. Louis Street side. This new hut was built in 1731 from the debris left by a hurricane which struck the city at the end of August of that year, destroying among other buildings one of the original barracks.

These buildings were occupied by the garrison of the city after the Company gave up its charter and were in an almost ruinous condition, requiring constant repairs to keep them from falling. New brick barracks were begun in 1734 on either side of the Place d'Armes but were not ready for occupancy by the soldiers until 1738 when the old buildings on Royal Street were probably finally abandoned and the property sold. There is a gap from this date until the report of the fire of 1788.



Plans, sections and elevations of the buildings and the barracks built for the Company from the 1st of August, 1722 until the 3rd of January of the present year, 1723.

At New Orleans, the 3rd of January, 1723.

Le Blond de la tour.

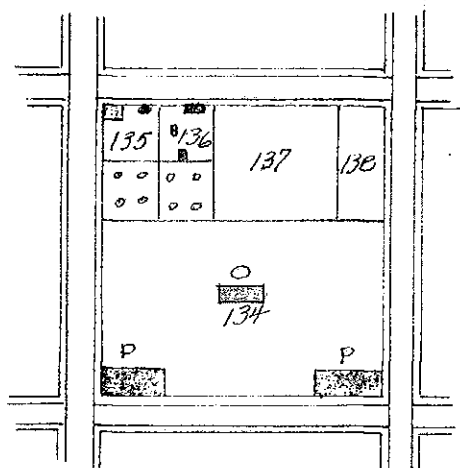
NOTE: The four barracks shown on this drawing were located on the square bounded by Royal, Toulouse, Bourbon and St. Louis Streets.

PLAN DE LA NOUVELLE ORLEANS comme elle était en Mai 1728

Taken from copy certified by J. Cox Barnet
U.S. Consul, Paris, France, December 18, 1819

O Forge de la Compagnie
P iden de la Marine

134. Terrain au bout la Forge & la Caserne de
135. au St. St. Kilian la Compagnie
136. à la Rose
137. au St. Hamond
138. à la Vve de Perost



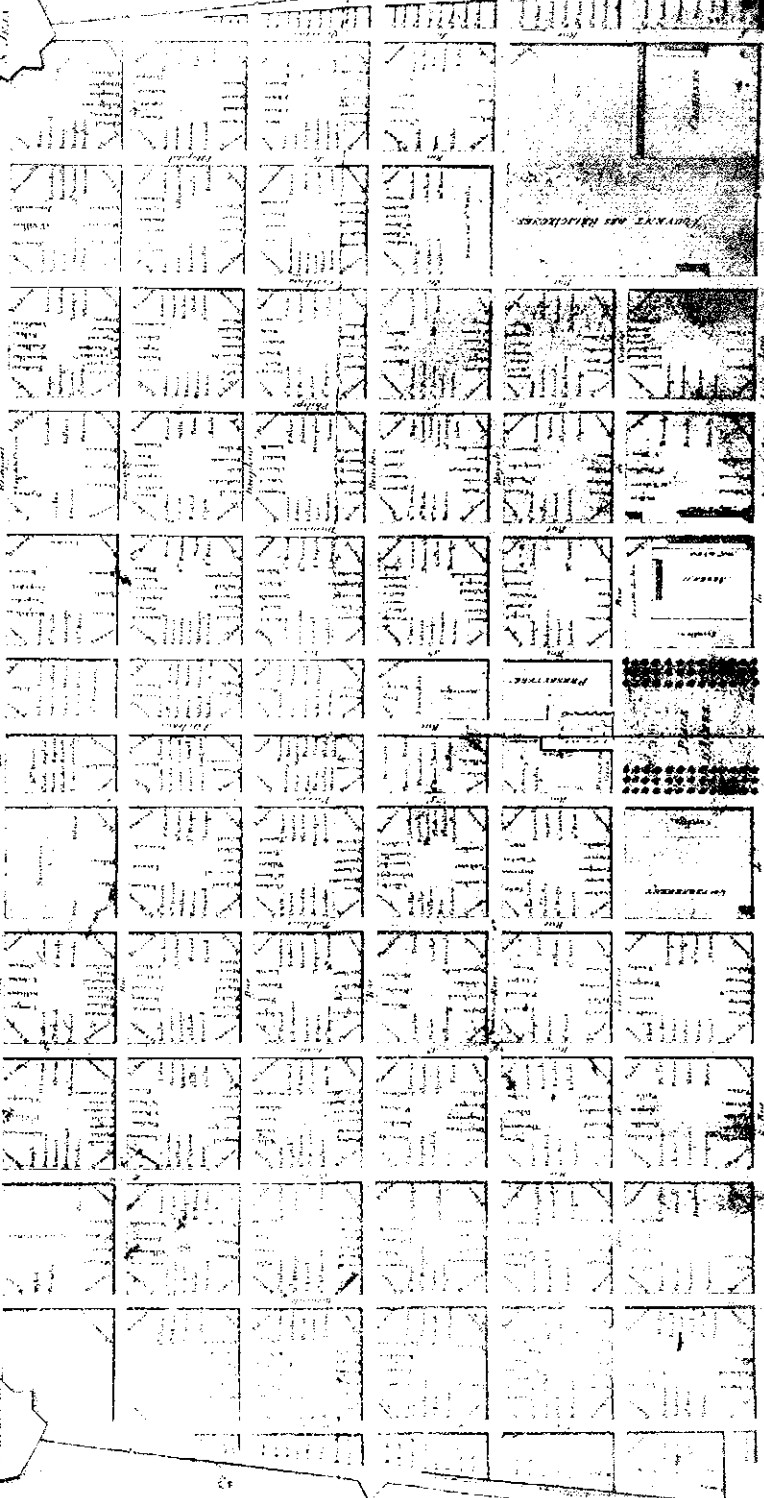
PLAN DE LA VILLE DE LA NOUVELLE ORLEANS.

des propriétaires.

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Port
du midi.

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du nord.



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Plan by Pelie' - 1808.

Hanging in the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library,
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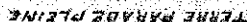
Great Fire of 1788

Taken from: Digest of the Acts of Records of the Cabildo. 1769-1803
Page 91. - E-26-1788.

The Cabildo was called into extraordinary session at the home of the Governor on account of the disastrous fire which occurred on March 21st, 1788, and destroyed the Cabildo Building.

Four fifths of the populated section of the city was destroyed, including the Parish Church, the Priests' Home, the Cabildo and Jail. The Commissioners concerned themselves with the urgent needs of the victims of the fire calling upon the Intendant to distribute relief for account of His Majesty. The extraordinary session was continued to this date. The Commissioners implored the Intendant to continue giving aid to needy individuals, also to construct some cottages or barracks, (of pickets) for shelter. The Intendant agrees to continue giving rations to the needy, but states that he cannot build the barracks as requested. He asked the Attorney General to give him a report of the most essential points which must be brought to the Royal consideration in order to obtain means for the prompt repairing of the common ruin.

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Remarks The pulled pieces of the leaves
are interesting by the abundance
of the quantity of the quantity.

Note: The fire broke out on the South First corner of "Quincy" and Chicago Streets in the fire of the military treasury. Several losses here.

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Orleans, December 10, '94. (L.C. 606)
 To the royal treasury
 on December 22, '94
 Answered on December 23, 1794. S.M.
 To the court, No. 467

Bundle 1443 A
 Letter #327

Your Excellency:

At the first opportunity permitted by the necessary (L.C.607) attentions and just cause for sorrow, suffered by so many unfortunate inhabitants of this city, due to their loss, I am imparting to Your Excellency, that on the 8th of the current month, at two o'clock in the afternoon, a fire was started on Royal Street by some children, who were inadvertently playing in the patio of Don Francisco Meynone (Francois Mayronne), close to a warehouse in which hay was stored. The fire was so devastating due to the sudden force of a violent north wind, that in less than three hours, two hundred and twelve houses, and the most valuable warehouses of this city, were reduced to ashes.....

.....The movement and efforts made by the troops and the people in order to lessen the ravages of the fire is inexpressible, but we managed to stop the fire when it had reached the bank of the parochial church and the business house of Don Antonio Cavalier, which was almost in front of the house where it started, that of Don Juan Merriault (Jean Francois Merieult) and the government house in which the main building, and a small kitchen contiguous of it, were all that remained and even in two other places every effort was made to stop the spreading fire.....

New Orleans, December 10, 1794

Your Excellency, (I am)
 EL BARON de CARONDELET.

Your Excellency, Senor Don Luis de lae Casas.

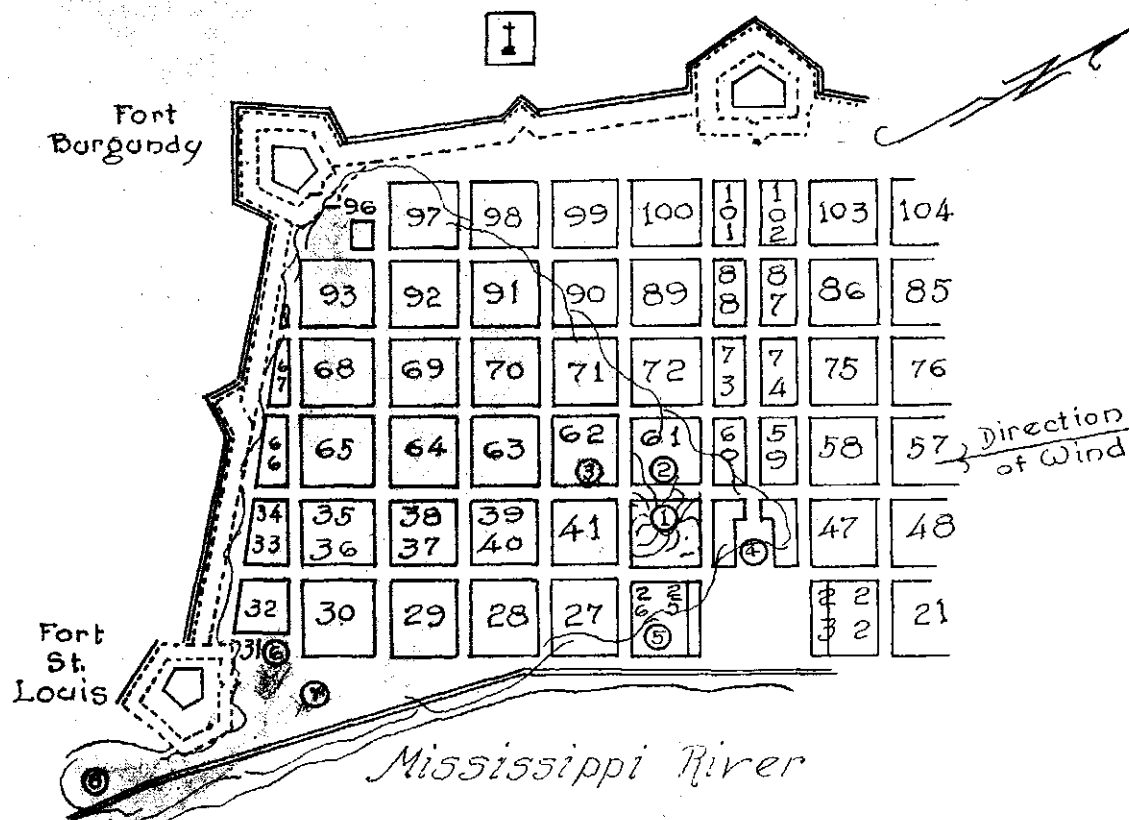
Note: House at 627-29-31 Royal St. (Patti's Court) belonged to Antoine Cavalier, 1774-1818.

See 527-33 Royal Street (This folder) for Jean Francois Merieult's House.

SKETCH SHOWING AREA COVERED BY THE GREAT FIRE DECEMBER 8TH 1794

Compiled from the official report by Gov. Carondelet to the King of Spain. Map taken from Plan by Carlos Trudeau of 1798. Municipal square numbers as of to-day.

Georgia B. Dreunau
May 15, 1941



Legend:

- 1~House of Don Francisco Magronne: origin of fire: now 616 Royal St. (site)
- 2~ " " " Antonio Cavalier: saved from fire: " 629 " "
- 3~ " " " Juan Merieult: " " " ; " 529 " "
- 4~Parish Church (provisional building) flanked by:
South~Jail & Barracks of Guard; North~House of the
Capucines: injured but not destroyed.
- 5~Government House: stables & servant quarters injured.
- 6~Powder Magazine: destroyed by explosion.
- 7~Custom House: Destroyed.
- 8~Warehouses: "

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Angelina

Perin

Meilleux

Meilleux

Grima

Rue

Jourdan

Moreau

Nicolas

Meilleux

Bayle

Jourdan

Durel

Bailey

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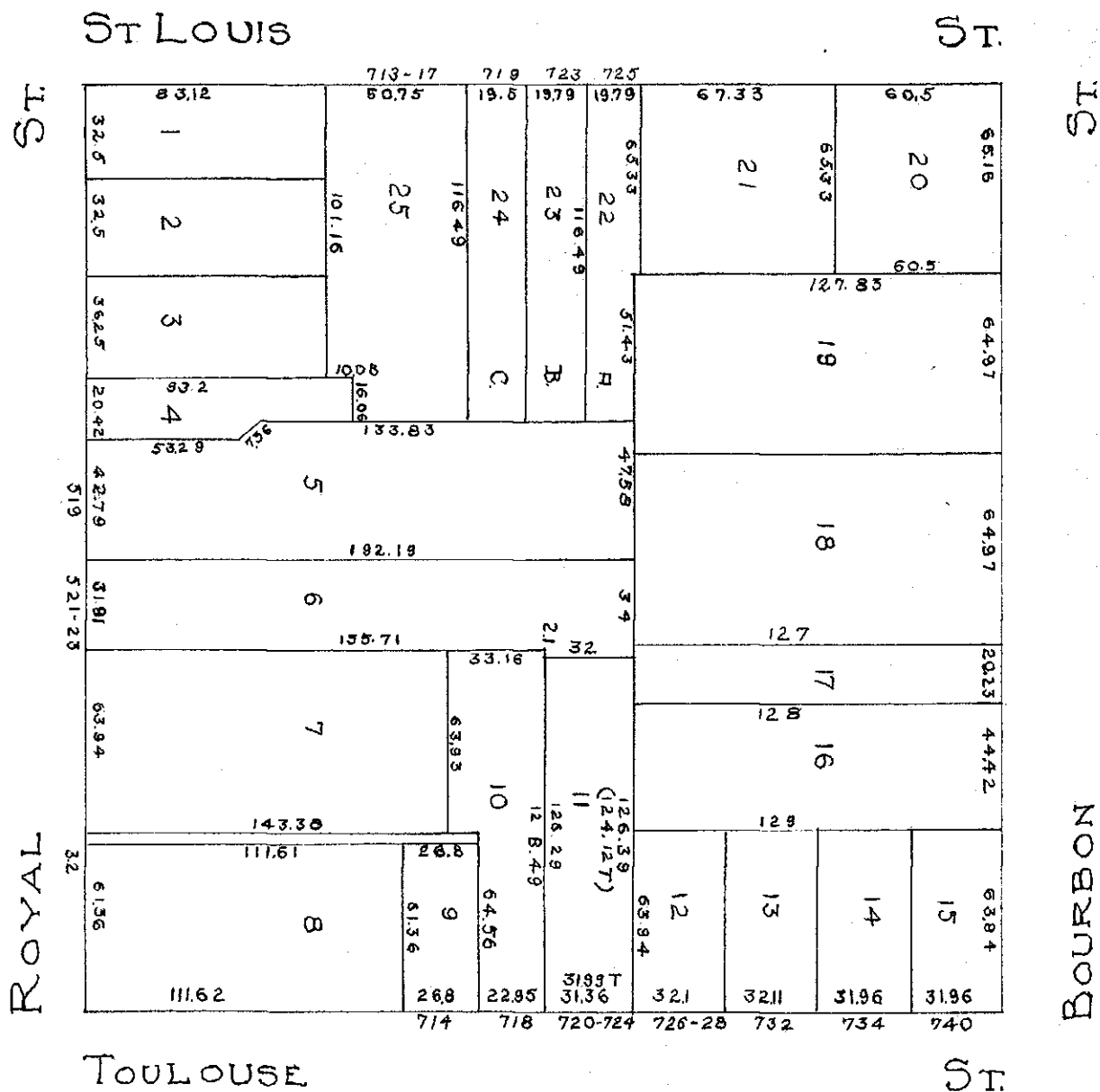
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SQUARE No. 62 ~ MUNICIPAL DISTRICT No. 2

SKETCH TAKEN FROM PLAN BOOK IN OFFICE OF
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SQUARE NO. 62

(Royal, St. Louis, Bourbon & Toulouse)

Lot No.

Owner

D.O.B. Ref.

1	Mrs. Jos. L. Burke, et als	506/279, 489/151-2
2	Miss Juliet Zwieringer, et als	355/210
3	Mrs. Herman H. Schloeman	500/186, 402/441
4	Jules L. Alciator, et als	489/151-2, 330/23
5	" " "	
6	Gustave I. Mondshine	488/321, 342/3
7	L. Kemper Williams	498/409, 332/74
8	Miss Louise Begue	489/171
9	Mrs. Frederick Franz	373/415
10	L. Kemper Williams	498/334, 337/215
11	Mrs. Edna E. Mackie	305/20, 376/24
12	Est. Tony Lafon	104/783
13	Mrs. Frederick Franz	373/415
14	Miss Theresa Carvini	477/241, 366/375
15	Jos. D. Pascal	482/106, 329/333
16	Geo Sue Bong, et als	496/26, 338/108
17	Amile J. Delvalle	351/82
18	Mrs. Edmund G. Latreyste	496/106
19	" " "	
20	Reliance Homestead Ass'n.	466/350
21	" " "	462/490, 332/366
22	Jules L. Alciator, et als	489/151-2, 296/351
23	" " "	
24	" " "	
25	" " "	324/562